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FOR INCREASING
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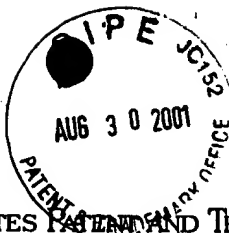
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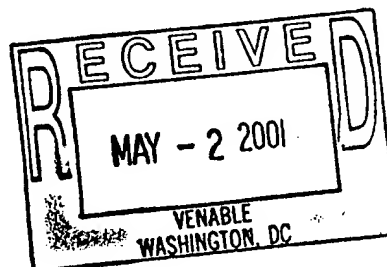
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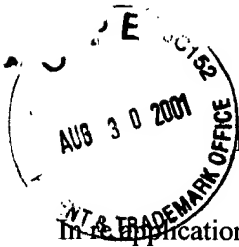


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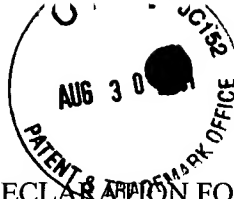
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Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claim?
100 04 906.0	GERMANY	February 4, 2000	Yes
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